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TO: CHIEF, INSPECTION AND SECURITY  
Attn: Colonel Sheffield Edwards

FROM: Chief, [REDACTED] G

SUBJECT: Priority Requirement for the use of Drug-Induced  
Hypnosis Interrogation Technique in [REDACTED]

A 1. [REDACTED] has advised us that a large number of [REDACTED] are in the process of being repatriated to [REDACTED] from the USSR, where they have been interned since their capture by the Red Army in 1945. These [REDACTED] will be available within the very near future for intensive interrogation. In view of [REDACTED] and the length of time they have been interned, as well as known Soviet indoctrination of other [REDACTED] it is believed that without question they have been given the maximum amount of Soviet Communist indoctrination and that at least a portion of them have been recruited as Communist and Soviet espionage agents.

F A 2. [REDACTED] has pointed out that this may represent an extremely valuable and unique opportunity whereby tremendously valuable results might be obtained by the use of the interrogation techniques involving drug-induced hypnosis. It is felt that this represents a definite priority and that all possible effort should be undertaken to have appropriate [REDACTED] from this group completely and fully interrogated with the use of these techniques. We are in a position to arrange such interrogations in [REDACTED] securely and effectively.

F G Action: It will be appreciated if you will advise me whether appropriate ICS personnel can be made available to proceed to [REDACTED] on a TDY basis for the purpose of assisting in conducting such interrogations. Your concurrence in this is strongly recommended and, if you concur, [REDACTED] will immediately arrange for the selection of [REDACTED] for such interrogation on the basis of their personnel history, background, and the reports of their initial interrogation by CIC in [REDACTED]. It would be appreciated also if you will advise us of your decision in this matter as soon as possible.

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